* Health education activities to promote safe sexual behaviour under the National AIDS Control Programme.
* Instructions have been issued to the Health Authorities for use of a sepatare sterile syringes and needles for each injection.
* Central Government Hospital personnel at risk to be immunised. State Governments have also been advised to take similar steps.

Development of Central Homoeopathic Research Institute Kurichi, Kerala

2577. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELARE be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position of the development plan of Central Homoeopathic Research Institute, Kurichi in Kottayam District of Kerala;

(b) whether the State Government has assigned 5 acres of land for the development of the Institute; and

(c) the reasons for the inordinate delay in the implementation of the development project?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) to (c) No steps could be taken to develop the institute as the State Government has not provided suitable piece of land so far.

Quality Assurance Agency for fast food centres

2578. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of fast-food centres are being set up in cities and towns in the country both by the indigenous entrepreneurs and the MNCs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many of them are operating without proper permits and thereby seriously compromising the quality and hygeine;

(c) whether Government propose to create a special Quality Assurance Agency consisting of trained catering specialists to inspect and monitor the services of fast food centres sprouting all over the country in large number; and

(d) if so, by when such an Agency would be formed and nature of its composition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Fast food centres setup in the country both by the indigenous entrepreneurs and the MNC are licenced by the State Governments.

There is no proposal to create a special Quality Assurance Agency. Monitoring and inspection concerning quality and hygiene of fast food centres is carried out by the State Governments as per PFA Rules, 1955.

Imported food items under Prevention of Food Adulteration Act

2579. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to bring imported food items within the ambit of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed to implement the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) to (c) Imported food items are required to meet the standards prescribed in the Rules made under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954.

'Wrist Watch Incision' device for heart patients

2580. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new innovation in the field of by pass surgery has been evolved wherein 'Wrist Watch Incision' is carried on a heart patient;

(b) whether it is a blood saving device and is very convenient for the patients undergoing by pass surgery;

(c) whether this new device has been introduced on large scale in the hospitals in the country; and